

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are pending. Claims 1-5, 9, 10, 13, 17 and 18 stand rejected on the grounds articulated in the Office Action mailed September 22, 2006. Claims 6-8, 11, 12 and 14-16 are objected to on the grounds set forth in that same Office Action. In response, Applicants have amended the claims and submit the below remarks distinguishing the cited prior art over the claims as amended. In view of the amendments and remark, Applicants respectfully submit the claims as amended are allowable over the cited prior art.

Claims 1-5, 9, 10, 13, 17 and 18.

Claims 1-5, 9, 10, 13, 17 and 18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as anticipated by U.S. Published Patent Application No. US 2001/0036845 to Park (hereinafter "Park"). Applicants respectfully disagree that Park anticipates or otherwise invalidates any of the amended claims 1, 2 and 13, or any of their dependent claims.

Comparing amended claims 1 and 13 of with Park, Park does not disclose that the first housing and the second housing is foldably connected via a connecting unit (claim 13), and does not disclose an image capturing direction control unit for varying the image capturing direction of the image capturing unit by interlocking the image capturing direction with a folding angle formed between the first housing and the second housing, which are recited in the amended claims 1 and 13 of the present invention.

Further, Park does not disclose that the image capturing direction of the image capturing unit directs substantially perpendicularly to a display surface of the display unit when both housings are opened, as recited in the amended claim 1 of the present invention.

Park, on the other hand, discloses a camera of the type disclosed in Applicants' application as known in the prior art. In particular, the camera in Park is of the type that has a camera mounted in the hinge device that must be manually adjusted by the user for operation. Park explains: "the user can freely adjust angle of the lens during visual communication and photographing. Further, when the radio telephone is not in use, the user may adjust the angle of the lens to prevent the lens from being exposed to the outside to protect it from damage." Park at [0023]. Thus, in Park, the user manipulates the lens by manually rotating an element of the hinge device.

The image capturing direction of the camera lens assembly 40 is not varied by interlocking the imaged capturing direction with a folding angle formed between the first housing and the second housing as claimed. Thus, Park does not disclose the image capturing direction control unit as recited in the amended claims 1 and 13 of the present invention. Accordingly, Park does not disclose that the image capturing direction of the image capturing direction of the image capturing unit directs substantially perpendicularly to a display surface of the display unit when the both housings are opened which is recited in the amended claim 1 of the present invention.

Next, comparing the amended claim 2 of the present invention with Park, Park does not disclose that the second housing having a control unit and an image capturing unit includes a surface extending in substantially parallel with a display surface of the display unit when the housings are opened, and that the surface being substantially parallel with the display surface of the display unit is formed with an image capturing window of the image capturing unit.

As already mentioned, camera lens assembly 40 in Park is operated by user's manual operation. The second housing 10 having the keypads 101 does not include a surface extending in substantially parallel with a display surface of the display 202 when the first housing 20 and the second housing 10 are opened. Further, since the surface extending in substantially parallel with the

display surface of the display 202 is not provided, Park does not teach nor suggest that the surface is formed with a lens of the camera lens assembly 40.

In the claimed invention, the second housing having a control unit and an image capturing unit includes a surface extending in substantially parallel with a display surface of the display unit when the housings are opened, and that the surface being substantially parallel with the display surface of the display unit is formed with an image capturing window of the image capturing unit. As a result, an image capturing direction of the image capturing unit directs substantially perpendicularly to a display surface of the display unit when the both housing are opened. Park does not provide such an effect.

In addition, any claims dependent on claims 1, 2 and 13 are allowable for those same reasons. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit claim 1-18 are allowable over Park and any other cited prior art.

The Examiner is urged to telephone Applicants' undersigned counsel if it will advance the prosecution of this application, or with any suggestion to resolve any condition that would impede allowance. In the event that any extension of time is required, Applicant petitions for that extension of time required to make this response timely. Kindly charge any additional fee, or credit any surplus, to Deposit Account No. 50-0675, Order No. 848075-49.

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